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NOTICE OF APPEAL
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated 24 January 2003, of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 1-18 of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.113 and 1.191. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-4895 in the amount of \$320.00 to cover the Notice of Appeal fee.

A two-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection is enclosed herewith. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-4895 in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the required fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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